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Lalita Vilas

Lakshmipuram,

Mysore,

8th July 1937.

To

Rajasabhabhushana
T.Thumboo Chetty, Esq.,
Huzur Secretary, Mysore.

Dear Sir,

As desired by you, I [illegible] short statement about the object of my visit [illegible]e, and such further particulars as may help to promote it.

I was asked by the Thakur Saheb of Gujgarh(- I am Tutor to his son and daughter-) to come to Mysore and submit a proposal for the betrothal of his daughter with Prince.Sri Jaya Chama Rajendra Wodeyar, to His Highness the Maha Rajah Saheb Bahadur and His Highness the Yuvarajah Saheb Bahadur.

Gujgarh is one of the principal Thikanas of Jaipur and the Thakur Saheb is in feudatory relation with the Maha Rajah Sahib of Jaipur. It is the largest in virtue of its ~~inm~~ grant, and one of the largest in virtue of its income, of the Thikanas of Jaipur State. The Thakurs of Gujgarh are Champawats, a sub-clan of the Rathores of Jodhpur, and are a cadet branch of the Champawats of Pokaran, the principal ~~feudm~~ feudatory of Jodhpur. A reference to the history of Marwar in Tod's Annas of Rajasthan will show the important part played by Pokaran and the intimate connection between the Ruling Family of Jodhpur and the Thakurs of Pokaran.

About 200 years ago, a younger member of the Pokaran family was offered and accepted the Thikana of Gujgarh in Jaipur State, with a patta for 1.25 lakhs

of annual income. The present Thakur is a younger brother of the Thakur of Pokaran, and was adopted into the collateral branch of Gujgarh. He is highly educated and his Thikana is administered on progressive lines. He is orthodox and he and his family are strict vegetarians.

The Kumari Saheba, for whom the proposal is being made, is aged fourteen, she is handsome and well built and of winning ways and manners. She is proficient in English and other subjects - her attainments in English are of the Matriculation standard - and has tuition in knitting, sewing, domestic science and Hindustani music. She is continuing her stuidies.

Thacker's Directory, Tod's Annals of Rajasthan and the Government of India Publication 'Princes, Chiefs and Leading Personages of Rajputana" will give some indication of the status of Gujgarh and Pokaran and their chiefs. I may add that the Thakur Saheb is related to His Highness the Maharajah Saheb Bahadur of Jaipur.

Yours truly,

Sd./-N.R.Venkata Raman.